

THE REHEARSAL.

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WEDNESDAY, August 14th 1706.

(1.) Country-man. Sure, Master, we shall never hear a word more from Mr. De Foe, and the Review is at an End! What will you now do for Company? Must you be Ty'd up to Little Dirty Tutchin?

Rehearsal. That wou'd be a Penance indeed! But what makes you have such thoughts of Mr. De Foe.

Country-m. Why, Master, he has Promis'd, as you Quoted him in your Last, to put an Eternal Silence upon his Pen, as to Print, if ever he has Call'd to Mind any Clergy-Man's Infirmities, that had Reputation, or was Surpriz'd into a Crime, or Repented of it afterwards.

Rehearsal. Has Merton-College, or the Universities no Reputation? And if they had been Surpriz'd into the Weather-Cock, I believe they wou'd have Repented it.

But he will not think any Clergy-Man can Repent, unless they make him their Confessor, send up their Crimes to him, and desire him to publish their Repentance in his Review, with his Modest Remarks upon it! In which he wou'd not Fail!

(2.) And as to his Promise of Silence, upon any Condition whatsoever, he has made a Scale of it. It is one of the Flowers in his Rhetorick. He has given me that Promise several times before, and put me to the Trouble of Proving things to him very plainly, thinking to catch him at his Word! Particularly he Promis'd Eternal Silence, if it was not True, that the Papists Join'd their Interest with the High-Church upon the last Elections for Parliament-Men. Upon which I gave him several Instances he cou'd not Deny. And it is now Notoriously known all over the Nation, That the Papists, Generally speaking, throughout England, made use of their Interest against the Church, and Joyn'd with the Dissenters in it. But it serv'd his Turn at that Time. And there was an End of his Promise! And his Quill is Wagging still.

(3.) Country-m. Shall I tell you a Story, Master, of a Presbyterian Preacher in our Country?

Rehearsal. If it be any thing Private or Personal, keep it to your self, Country Man. No Provocation shall tempt me to Enter upon that Method of Scandal. Tho' as I said before, we cou'd make full Reprizals. But I will not be Employ'd in Rakeing such Kennels. Their Cause has Scandal enough in it, without their Personal Failings to Eek it out.

Country-m. My Story is only to shew their Zeal for their Good Old Cause, and their Methods to Promote it.

Rehearsal. Then let's have it. Those things are useful to be known.

(4.) Country-m. There is one Mr. Bryan, a Presbyterian Preacher, who about Christmās last came to Board with Mr. Samuel Baddiley: Who had an Orphan Nephew of his, one John Baddiley in the House with him, about 15 Years old. Mr. Bryan us'd his Talents to Perswade this Youth to Quit the Church, and go with him to the Meetings. But not Prevailing in that Method, he fell to the Rougher way, and Threaten'd and Abus'd him for a long time. Till about Midsummer last, Resolving to bring the matter to an Issue, he told John Baddiley upon a Thursday that if he did not go with him to the Meeting next Sunday, he wou'd Whip him with an Hand Whip. And Repeated his Promise to him on Friday and Saturday. At last Sunday came, and he bid John get Ready, and go with him to the Meeting. But John Refus'd, and went to Church. Whereupon the next Monday Night about Eleven a Clock, he pull'd John with him up Stairs, took him into a Room, and Lock'd the Door after him. Then Ask'd him again if he wou'd not go with him to the Meeting? And John saying he wou'd not, but wou'd keep to the Church, he call'd him a Stubborn Villain, and in a Fury forc'd down his Breeches, and Whipped him Unmercifully with a Rod made of Withey Twigs as long as his Arm (suppose Provided there for the Purpose) And told him he wou'd Beat that Rod to Scrumps upon him, if he did not go with him to the Meeting next Sunday. But John had enough of it, and the next Day, being the

Tuesday

Tuesday after Midsummer-Day, he fled to his Uncle Mr. William Baddiley at Knutton within a Mile of Newcastle in Stafford-Shire, told him how he had been us'd, and said he Durst not stay longer at his Uncle Samuel's House while Mr. Bryan was there. His Uncle William went the next Day to his Uncle Samuel's, and Examind the Matter, and John being sent for, he Justify'd the Particulars before the Family, (who were all Presbyterians) and they did not contradict any thing the Boy had said. And Mr. Bryan himself was then in the House, but did not Appear. The Boy says, that his Uncle Samuel and another Friend of his desir'd Mr. Bryan not to Whip him, but he call'd them a Couple of old Fools, that did not know how to Tutor Children.

While John was under his Disciplin with Mr. Bryan, he Cry'd out violently, never having been Whipp'd so before in his Life: And two Women in the Street knew his Voice, who came to the House side, and said, In the Name of God what are you doing? Are you Murdering the Children? They have enough to Maintain them on, without being Abus'd by a Parcel of Presbyterian Devils. But no Body made any Answer.

All this is Ready to be made Good upon the Oaths of several Persons. And now, Master, I have done my Story, make what use of it you think fit.

(5.) *Rehears.* The *Observer* and *Review* will be Angry if you make such a Stir about Whipping a Child!

Country-m. Ay but, Master, the Cause, the Cause! For going to Church, and not going to the Meetings!

Rehears. They'll find some other Cause. May be he wou'd not Eat this Supper that Night, or Spill the Salt! Who knows?

But, *Country-Man*, do you wonder so much at their Tutoring of Children? They can WHIP Men too! And have done it about the Pig-Market. And for the same Cause, for going to Church, and not going to their Meetings. They Whipt down the Church; and Whipt the King's Head off, for the same Cause! And hope for another Whipping Bout!

Country-m. I see them Cutting their Whibey, and laying them in Steep, for our Service! Is this their Moderation! Their Toleration! And Liberty of Conscience! But I mustn't speak a word, must I?

Rehears. No, not for your Life! Let them go on — That's the Word!

Country-m. Then I know where we shall Go.

Rehears. Whether dost mean we must Go?

Country-m. By the Ears, I'm afraid, if these Men have their Will. If they Tutor us at this Rate. Let them begin with the Children, they'll end with the Men! And I wish the Men may have the Courage of this Brave Boy, to withstand a Withey Argument, in Behalf of the Church.

(6.) *Rehears.* The use I wou'd make of this Story of yours, is, To Caution all Honest

Men to keep their Children in Good Company. The Witheys is not so great Danger as the Corruption. It was well for that Young Man, that he was Whipp'd out of Ill Company. He that will touch Pitch, or take Fire into his Bosom, or Play upon the Hole of an Asp — who will Pity him?

(7.) *Country-m.* But if one Dissenting Teacher was so Rampant, what think you of their Private Academies?

Rehears. I think they are the Bane of the Nation. Allow'd by no Law. And not within the Toleration. They are Literally the Nurseries of Rebellion. Where Principles are Taught Inconsistent with any Government, or Peace in Church or State. And we have seen the Effects of it. They have sent us out Turbini, and Calamities, and Palmers, &c. to spew out all the Venom they can against the Church and the Monarchy. To prevent which the Law has Provided that None shall so much as Teach in a School, without Licence from the Bishop. And this Law is still in Force, and not Dispens'd, with in the Act of Toleration. Which was Intended only for the Ease of those who had the Unhappiness to Dissent from the Church of England. But not to Set up or Tolerate SEMINARIES to Perpetuate the Principles of Schism and Rebellion to all Generations. As the Review has Interpreted it. And for which I have before given him due Correction; and shewn how Gratefully these Men Receive any Favours from the Church! Improving them all to her Destruction, and their own Establishment. They have Publickly Attack'd the Universities, and Recommended their Private Academies as the fittest Places for Education. Which is saying, That the one or the other must Down! As soon as they Can.

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